

FAITHFUL NEWS

NOV26



From The Vicar

REV. STELLA GREENWOOD

Celebrations and Goodbyes

October was a wonderful month of celebration. With the last of our Harvest Festivals and the joy of seeing Isabel and Stephen married at St Helen's and young Chester being baptised there as well. We also said goodbye to Norma Ruff, James Croft, Anthony Smith and our Warden Emeritus Joyce Chadwick.

Memorial

As we move into November we enter our time of remembrance starting with our Memorial Service on 1st November when we name before God those we have loved and lost and light a candle in remembrance. Names can be added at the service or passed to Rev Stella in advance.

Remembrance

On the 8th November we join with our communities in remembering those who died as a result of war and conflict. There will be Remembrance services at all of our churches. Check the service schedule for detailed information.

Heating update

Last week, the new heating system was installed in St Helen's. The hope is that as we move into winter, the church will now be warm.

Messy Church

Messy Church at Etwall continues on the first Saturday of the month. The next Messy Church at Egginton is on November 20th looking towards Advent and Christmas.

Old School Assembly Bangers

For a night of nostalgia and fun, come along to our night of Assembly Bangers. Steve will be playing songs and hymns that we remember from our school days. You will go home singing songs you thought you had forgotten!

Benefice Advent Carols

We will be joining together as a Benefice to begin the new church year and the Advent season with Advent carols at St Helen's on Sunday 29th November. It will be good to see as many as possible there.

Services 1st November

9.30am Holy Communion
St Wilfrid's Egginton

11.00 Morning Prayer
St Helen's Etwall

11.00am Holy Communion
St Michael's Sutton on the Hill

11.00am Morning Prayer
All Saints, Dalbury

6.30pm Memorial Service
St Wilfrid's Egginton

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Dates for your Diaries

Regular Events

Mon 3:30pm, Monday Club, St Wilfrid's (term time)

Tues 9:00am Morning Prayer, St Helen's

Thurs 10am, Holy Communion BCP, St Helen's

Wed 2-4pm, Community Hub, St Helen's

Fri 3pm Crazy Christians at St Helens (term time)

Wed 7pm Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's

Fri 6pm Choir Practice, St Helen's

Other Events this Month

Sunday 1st November, 12:00 Noon PCC, St Michael's

Sunday 1st November, 6:30pm Memorial Service, St Wilfrid's

Wednesday 4th, 12:00 Soup Lunch, St Wilfrid's

Wednesday 4th, 2pm Community Hub, St Helen's

Wednesday 2nd, 4pm Benefice prayers - in person and on WhatsApp, all welcome

Thursday 5th, 2pm Fellowship meeting, Laurel Farm

Thursday 5th, 7pm PCC, Trusley

Saturday 7th, 10:30am Messy Church, St Helen's

Saturday 7th, 10:45am Remembrance Service, Burnaston Village Hall

Saturday 7th, 1:30pm Remembrance Afternoon Tea, Dalbury Lees Village Hall

Tuesday 10th, 2pm All Age Worship Planning, St Helen's

Tuesday 10th, 4pm Messy Church Planning, St Helen's

Wednesday 11th, 10am Neuro-developmental hub, St Helen's

Wednesday 11th, 10:30am Home Communion, The Old Lodge

Wednesday 11th, 4pm Benefice prayers - in person and on WhatsApp, all welcome

Thursday 12th, 7:30pm PCC, St Wilfrid's

Saturday 14th, 8:30am Men's Breakfast, St Helen's

Tuesday 17th, 10:30am Discussion group, 24 Lawn Avenue

Tuesday 17th, 1:30pm Etwall School in Church

Tuesday 17th, 3:00pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting, St Helen's

Wednesday 18th, 10:00am Fabric Committee, St Helen's

Wednesday 18th, 2pm Home Communion Ashfields

Wednesday 18th, 2pm Home Communion, Tynefield Court

Wednesday 18th, 4pm Benefice prayers - in person and on WhatsApp, all welcome

Wednesday 18th, 7:30pm Deanery Synod, St Alkmunds Duffield

Thursday 19th, 7pm PCC St Helen's

Friday 20th, 4pm Messy Church,, St Wilfrid's

Saturday 21st, 7:30pm Old School Assembly Bangers, St Helen's

Sunday 22nd, 11am Baptism Ashton MacMahon

Tuesday 24th, 9:30am Youthscape Essentials Course, Sutton-on-the-Hill

Wednesday 25th, 4pm Benefice prayers - in person and on WhatsApp, all welcome

Future events

12-16th December Christmas Tree Festival, St Helen's

16th January, Launch of Friends of St Helens

30th January, Strictly Etwall dance night

Sunday Readings - Main Service

1st	1 John 3: 1 – 3 Matt 5: 1 – 12	22nd	Eph 1: 15 – end Matt 25: 31 – end
8th	Amos 5:18-24 John 15:9-17	29th	1 Cor 1: 3 – 9 Mark 13: 24 – end
15th	1 Thess 5: 1 – 11 Matt 25: 14 – 30		

Ministry Spotlight - Holy Communion

As you will be aware, the latest letter to clergy from Bishop Jackie included the following:

‘I have noticed that there is a variety of practice regarding the administration of Holy Communion, particularly intinction. If intinction is your practice, I would like you to restore the common cup as the norm at Holy Communion. This is established Church of England practice. For those who would prefer not to receive the common cup, be assured that receiving in one kind is a full receiving of Holy Communion.’ Some of you have asked for the reasoning behind this decision.

The first reason is around hygiene. While many people assume intinction is more sanitary than sharing a common cup, the evidence suggests the opposite. Hands contain far more pathogens than lips and therefore dipping bread into wine is paradoxically, one of the most effective ways to contaminate the chalice for every person who follows you in line. The second reason is theological. The separate acts of eating bread and drinking wine are meant to proclaim Christ's death through the clear separation of body and blood. Eating a dipped wafer does not symbolise eating and drinking in the same way.

I realise that, for some people, this can cause a real problem, if this is the case, I am perfectly happy to have a more detailed conversation and look at options for individuals.

Future Services

8th November

10.15am Remembrance Service
Unknown Soldier, Egginton

10.45am Remembrance Service
St Helen's Etwall

10.45am Remembrance Service
St Michael's Sutton on the Hill

10.45am Remembrance Service
All Saints Dalbury

10.45am Remembrance Service
All Saints Trusley

7.00pm Another Way
St Helen's Etwall

15th November

11.00am All Age Worship
St Helen's Etwall

11.00am Morning Worship
St Michael's Sutton on the Hill

11.00am Holy Communion
All Saints Dalbury

4.30pm All Age Worship
St Wilfrid's Egginton

6.30pm Evensong
St Helen's Etwall

22nd November

9.30am Holy Communion
St Wilfrid's Egginton

11.00am Holy Communion
St Helen's Etwall

4.00pm Holy Communion
All Saints Trusley

29th November

11.00 Joint Benefice Service
St Helen's Etwall



Prayer Diary

Please pray for the people and events taking place in our Benefice this month

01 November 2026 All who we have loved and lost
02 November 2026 All who are bereaved
03 November 2026 Our Administrator Helena
04 November 2026 Soup Lunch
05 November 2026 All Saints Trusley
06 November 2026 Children and Young People
07 November 2026 Messy Church
08 November 2026 Remembrance Events
09 November 2026 Sutton on the Hill
10 November 2026 Our Worshipping community
11 November 2026 Neuro Development hub
12 November 2026 Egginton
13 November 2026 The Old Lodge
14 November 2026 Men's Breakfast
15 November 2026 Church Wardens
16 November 2026 Our communities
17 November 2026 Prayer and Discussion groups
18 November 2026 Tynefield Court
19 November 2026 Etwall
20 November 2026 Ashfields Care Home
21 November 2026 Our PCCs
22 November 2026 Those baptised
23 November 2026 Sarah and Tony our PTOs
24 November 2026 Community Hub
25 November 2026 Faithful 5 Benefice
26 November 2026 Dalbury
27 November 2026 Wheathills house
28 November 2026 Steve and Andrew our Lay Readers
29 November 2026 Benefice Service
30 November 2026 Egginton
31 November 2026 Stella and the Leadership team

They all joined together constantly in prayer

Acts 1:14